

Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise; and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding. Proverbs 17:28.

THE OTISFIELD NEWS

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The Ladies Sewing Circle met at the Community Hall Wednesday.

The Womens Farm Bureau met at the Community Hall this Thursday. James Golden Jr., the County 4-H Leader was a guest. He spoke on vegetable gardening.

Members of the Mens Farm Bureau will remember there is a meeting at the Grange Hall at Spurrs Corner on Tuesday night, March 18. Mr. Frank Reed of Orono, Poultry Specialist, will be the speaker. Eight o'clock is the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Blake of Hallowell were in town today.

Sandra Fickett was a guest of Elizabeth Ann Stone Friday night and Saturday.

Hattie Webber and son Brett attended a movie in Lewiston Monday night.

Ruth Ralph of Winchester, Mass., who is visiting her sister, Alice Bean, was ill the first of the week.

Edith Butler attended the Cumberland-Androscoggin Posauna meeting at Sabbath Day Lake Tuesday.

Laura Fickett spent this Thursday in Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Lande and daughter Doris attended a birthday party in honor of Esther Heavisto in Harrison Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Butler gave a chicken dinner in honor of their son-in-law Gardiner Goodwin of Norway and their grandson Henry Hamilton Jr. Sunday. Fourteen were present to wish the honor guests "Happy Birthday". Mildred Hamilton presented them with a large birthday cake.

Mrs. Herbert Webber Sr. spent Thursday in Lewiston.

Mabel Peaco attended the movie, "Gallant Bess" in South Paris Friday night.

Charles Butler is attending Climbers school for the New England Tel. and Tel. Co. in Portland. He is staying at the Eastland Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Webber Jr. called on Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Cordwell in Norway Saturday night.

Ralph Vining, Martin Wiley and Almon Hirst attended a corn-growers meeting in Norway Wednesday afternoon. Maurice Whitcomb accompanied them to Norway.

Howard Fiskett was home Wednesday night. He brought home Dwight Field of Norway as a supper guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Hiltz and daughter Beverly enjoyed the movies in South Paris Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Goggins was in Boston this week to attend the Flower Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Webber Jr. and two children were dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Holden in Norway, Sunday.

The Otisfield News is starting its third year with this issue.

OTISFIELD GORE

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Brett were in South Harrison Thursday evening to see his aunt, Mary Buck, who was on here from Michigan, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brackett Sr. received word Saturday that their daughter, Ellen Small of New Gloucester gave birth to a son about 6.30 o'clock that morning at the C.M.G. Hospital. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Myrtle Merrill has been sick and under the doctors care, the past week. Sarah Thomas stayed with her Wednesday afternoon; her sister, Mrs. Fred Dunn of Norway was with her Friday and Saturday and Grace Brackett is now with her afternoons until they can get some help.

Miss Vera Peaco spent Thursday night with her school-mate Ruth Brackett.

Phyllis Thomas of Stewarts Corner spent the week end with the Johnson children.

Miss Marion Day of Norway spent the week end with Thannie and Ruby Green and family.

The new building committee of the Frederick Robie Grange met at the Grange Hall at Norway Lake Thursday evening and made plans to start getting lumber for their new Hall, in the near future.

Louise Johnson, Ruby Green and Marion Day spent Thursday evening with Mrs. George Hill at Norway Lake.

We had four more new scholars enter school Monday morning, making us 23 in all.

Diana Bowley spent Saturday night with her schoolmate Ruth Brackett.

Frank Green spent Saturday night and Sunday in Welchville as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Cummings and family.

Lester Thomas had 1000 baby chicks arrive Wednesday.

Charlie Thurlow has been sick the past week with a cold and with other complications.

Louise Johnson is soliciting for the Red Cross here on the Gore.

Shirley Thomas was in Norway Monday afternoon to see her doctor, as she is having trouble with her ear.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Annis attended the dinner and meeting of the Spanish War Veterans at the Legion Hall in Norway, Sunday.

Tommy Small is spending a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brackett Sr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brackett Sr. and family have moved into a small building on his fathers land, where they will keep house by themselves.

Ruby Green played cards with the Misses Sonia and Janyce Johnson Friday evening.

SCRIBNER HILL NOTES

Lena E. Dyer

Industries of Otisfield

The saw and grist mills erected in 1780 by Dr. David Ray, were the first within the present bounds of Otisfield. These were built by order of the proprietors and around them sprung up the early commercial center of "Ray's Mills", which was the principal business mart for over half a century. These were located at the outlet to Saturday Pond, about a mile north of the site chosen for the first meeting house on Bell Hill. After Dr. Ray's death the mills were allowed to decay. Henry Holden, a son-in-law of Dr. Ray's, later built mills a few rods above there, but his mills are now nearly disappeared. Joseph Holden was the last to operate here. Another saw mill was operated and probably built by Joseph W. Holden about 100 rods above the mill at East Otisfield. The mill at East Otisfield was first known as Scribner's Mill. Here Francis Holden owned and operated a grist and saw mill for many years after 1850. Mr. Holden sold to Jesse Night. The next owner and operator was Stephen Jillson, who carried on considerable business here for many years. In 1900 he sold to Kemp Bros. The mill burned in December 1902, but was at once rebuilt and in operation by the following March. An early sawmill was erected on the Otisfield side of Crooked River at Bolsters Mills. The earliest operators of this mill, of whom we have learned, were Wentworth Stewart and Daniel Weston. They had an up-and-down saw run by a tub wheel, but did an extensive business for their time. Obadiah G. Cook later carried on this mill. A circular saw was later put in by Isaac H. Stewart. From Mr. Stewart the property passed to Weston and Edwards; Mr. Edwards then sold to a Mr. Swett; and Mr. Clark, the present owner, bought about 1898. A freshet two years before had carried off the bridge and mills on the other side of the stream but this mill, one of the very oldest in operation in this section, was left intact.

At the head of Pleasant Pond, Nathan Nutting established a steam mill about 1850. Dexter Howe and Daniel Andrews erected another as late as 1892; this was removed to Oxford after a few years. At Spurr's Corners a large tin shop was operated by Andrews and Barker as early as 1868; a clothing manufactory establishment about 1863 and other industries in light manufacturing have been in operation here, but these have all passed.

There were two corn packing shops in town, both in the eastern section. That operated by E. B. Jillson was located three miles south of East Otisfield and was erected in 1890. A local stock company composed of Dominicus Edwards, E. B. Jillson,

BOLSTERS MILLS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tilley and family of Norway were Sunday guests of the Knightly family.

Ellis Ahonen, who has been confined to the house for the last two weeks, is able to be around on crutches. A tree side-swiped his hip and leg while he was working in the woods.

Faye Knightly spent the week end with her cousin Sally and helped celebrate Sally's birthday Sunday.

Went in to see Lill Skillings the other day and found her well and quite contented. The lady she stays with says she's going to keep her there all summer.

The W.S.C.S. met with Ruth Knightly Thursday evening with eight members present. Making a quilt was discussed and left in the hands of the work committee.

At town meeting Shirley Thomas put in her order for ice cubes this summer and am looking for more.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Knightly attended the reception at South Paris Tuesday evening for Deputy Alexander Stearns and wife. About seventy-five were there and a good time was had by all. South Paris Grange had a lovely program and served icecream and home-made cakes, while Charlie Thurlow and wife played for a dance afterward.

Norway Grange is holding an Officers Training School Saturday afternoon March 15 at 1 o'clock sharp. Ev everyone is welcome!

E. M. Jillson and L. L. Jillson. The shop was built under contract to be operated by Baxter Bros. It was later operated by a Mr. Matlocks, then by E. B. Jillson and later by his son George.

H. M. Stone began packing apples in 1904 at Mr. Jillson's shop. The first years pack amounted to about seventeen tons. In 1905 he built a small shop at East Otisfield where he put up apples, vegetables and some fine jellies.....

Marian Culbert was home four days this week. Friday afternoon Doris and Marian Culbert called on Lena Dyer. Saturday Fred and Marian spent the day at Pleasant Pond, fishing. They came home with two fish - and rumor is that they had those given to them. Anyway they had a grand time.

Sunday the Culberts were dinner guests of the Albert Hamlins at Bolsters Mills.

Tuesday Fred went to Norway to visit an oculist and Doris called on her sister, Mrs. Gordon Grover.

Thursday afternoon Mabel Pease and Doris Culbert went up to help Lena Dyer celebrate her birthday.

Saturday night Sam Pease had for supper Mrs. Frank Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. John Sakala and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harte.

GERTRUDE'S CORNER

Hi folks! March is keeping up its reputation for freakish weather. First a downfall of feathery snow, then sun peaking thro clouds, and before one can remark, "It is clearing off," snow comes down in earnest for awhile.

Some like the remark a lady made when riding into a village for the first time with a driver who speeded. She was going to say, "Isn't Casco a pretty little village." Instead she said, "Casco is a pretty village - wasn't it!" They passed through by time she ended.

It is best to slow up when entering villages for there is apt to be most anything in the street.

A hen always starts across just as you get most to her. Yes, I ran over one once and laid her low. I stopped to pay for the poor red birdy but the nice man would not take pay and said they were planning on cooking her anyway.

-Gertrude I. Barrows.

E. J. COMMENTS

March, with its intermittent clouds, sunshine and the springlike chirp of a new bird arrival cheers us up and soon we look for flowers. - Flowers brings up the thought of a new Easter bonnet. . . . Easter with its sad and conscience provoking prelude of the Passion from the prayer in the garden; betrayal of Judas; the whipping at the pillar where very many times over, the legal number of blows was administered. Then the crowning with thorns, largely by the Syrians who at that time formed a large share of the army of Caesar at that section. The "Way of the Cross" from the court to Calvary, on which way He fell three times even when helped by a Cyrenian. The nailing to the Cross on which for three hours He hung. His patience and suffering at last touched the heart of one of the thieves, who were also crucified; the burial in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea; the resurrection on the third day, - Easter - being the supreme proof of He being God. The time of Easter conforms with the Jewish pass-over. The Sanhedrin was in session and tried Jesus Friday, him guilty on such evidence as Judas. As far as I know there has not been a full session of the Sanhedrin since. Some are asking for it to review that trial. What if it would reverse the finding of that time.

Mr. Henry has been trying out a TANK (war variety) over at his Oak Hill home but decided it did not suit his work.

SAPS RUNNING.

The Dyers were supper guests of Norman and Margelia Hamlin Saturday night.

Monday the Dyers went to Lewiston shopping.

Since the last edition Ralph Lamb of East Otisfield has had better luck fishing on Pleasant Pond.

SOUTH OTISFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welch of Berwick and Melvin Welch of West Poland called on Leon Welch Sunday. Eleanor Matthews of Welchville is spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortier.

Mr. and Mrs. Aulo Pulkkinen, Senne Pulkkinen and Pauline Hanson were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortier.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortier called on Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Pulkkinen in East Oxford and had supper with the Lindley Fortiers in Norway.

Robert Baker had some new chicken pens arrive in the big storm last week. He has been having grain hauled in before mid time.

Gennie McAuliffe has finished work for Ernest Edwards and Edwin Jilison is working for him for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Scribner called on Leon Welch Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortier Jr., Pauline Hanson, Lawrence Fortier and Melvin Welch went smelting in Richmond. Fred and Larry caught 21 big ones, - 8 to 10 inches long.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortier, Fred Jr. and Edith Butler attended Pomona Grange at Sabbath Day Lake, Tuesday.

Otisfield Core (concluded)

Mrs. Mary Johnson and Mrs. Phyllis Bowley spent an afternoon with Grace Brackett recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Flanders and daughter took dinner with her folks, Thannie and Ruby Green, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Annis spent Saturday evening with her daughter Mrs. Ralph Jackson and family at Oxford.

The Johnsons played cards with Lester and Shirley Thomas Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Dresser and son Richard were in Portland Saturday to attend the 4-H meeting. Richard spoke over the mike. In the afternoon they visited Mrs. Dresser's sister, Mildred Smith, and found her much improved in health.

I heard this down to Auburn. One man was a mail carrier, the other had some spare time and tools and they liked to work together. One man said to the other, "Let's make something." The other man said, "Alright. This is a good board, let's make an ironing board." So they planed and sawed, swapped stories and had a good time. They had no difficulty in getting the hardware; and their wives told them where to buy a covering. Then the thing was done and stood around in the way. They were discussing what to do with it. One man said, "Let's sell it." Other man said, "Whoever heard tell of selling a home-made ironing board? You look all up and down this street, everyone has an ironing board. They would laugh at us." Well one man said, "Let's take it over to Montgomery Ward's." Which they finally did.

(concluded next week)